

### Remarks

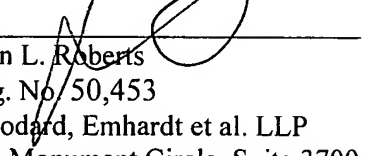
Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the applicant was required to elect one of the following Groups of Inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13, and 19, drawn to an adjustable trailer hitch, classified in class 280, subclass 456.1.
- II. Claims 14-18, drawn to a method of connecting a vehicle to a trailer, classified in class 280, subclass 477.

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant hereby elects, without traversal, Invention Group I (Claims 1-13, and 19) for prosecution. The claims directed to the non-elected invention group, claims 14-18, have been cancelled without prejudice for consideration in one or more possible divisional applications. As a result of the above amendments, claims 1-13 and 19 are currently pending and under consideration.

Respectfully submitted:

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